

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the joint requests for Commission)
approval of interconnection agreements and)
amendments.)
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At the February 28, 2017 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
 Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
 Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

ORDER

The following parties have filed joint applications for approval of interconnection agreements
or amendments to an interconnection agreement:

Case No. U-11962	AT&T Michigan and Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. Application filed February 6, 2017, and amended application filed February 9, 2017, for approval of a seventh amendment to the interconnection agreement (adds terms and conditions to implement (1) the Lifeline and Link-Up Reform and Modernization et al., WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Report and Order, FCC 15-71, released June 22, 2015, (2) the Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18, 2011, and FCC 11-189, amended on December 23, 2011, and (3) the Petition of US Telecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 USC 160(c) from Enforcement of Obsolete ILEC Legacy Regulations That Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 14-192, released December 28, 2015; replaces language and rates related to OS/DA; revises the Notices provisions; extends the term of the Midwest Performance Measures and Remedies Plan to December 31, 2018; and adds Joint & Several Liability language).
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| Case No. U-16765 | Frontier North Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc., and Lucre, Inc. Application filed February 6, 2017, for approval of a first amendment to the interconnection agreement (implements new reciprocal compensation rates consistent with Commission and Federal Communications Commission orders). |
| Case No. U-16997 | AT&T Michigan and The Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company Application filed February 2, 2017, for approval of a fifth amendment to the interconnection agreement (adds terms and conditions to implement (1) the Lifeline and Link-Up Reform and Modernization et al., WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Report and Order, FCC 15-71, released June 22, 2015, (2) the Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18, 2011, and FCC 11-189, amended on December 23, 2011, and (3) the Petition of US Telecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 USC 160(c) from Enforcement of Obsolete ILEC Legacy Regulations That Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 14-192, released December 28, 2015). |

47 USC 252(e)(2) and (3) provides in part:

- (2) The State commission may only reject
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) of this section if it finds that--
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), but subject to section 253 of this title, nothing in this section shall prohibit a State commission from establishing or enforcing other requirements of State law in its review of an agreement, including requiring compliance with intrastate telecommunications service quality standards or requirements.

After reviewing the applications, the Commission finds that they should be approved. The Commission finds that the agreements and amendments are consistent with federal and state law and are in the public interest. Under 47 USC 252(i) and MCL 484.2359(2), the services provided under the agreements shall be made available to other telecommunications carriers upon the same terms and conditions.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The interconnection agreements and amendments listed above are approved.

B. Approval of the interconnection agreements and amendments does not alter the duty of the parties to comply with relevant federal and state law and past and future Commission orders and rules.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party aggrieved by this order may file an action in the appropriate federal District Court under 47 USC 252(e)(6). To comply with the requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at mpscdockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at pungpl@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

By its action of February 28, 2017.

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary

Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner